

To all persons who were 21st Century Scholars but did not complete the Affirmation Form to receive the scholarship in your Senior year of high school

The State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana (SSACI), which administers the 21st Century Scholars program, was sued in federal court in Indianapolis in a case called *E.C. v. Obergfell*. The suit claimed that SSACI had a policy or practice of informing 21st Century Scholars or persons seeking to become 21st Century Scholars that the students' parents or guardians had to be American citizens or legal aliens and/or had to have Social Security Numbers (SSN). The case is a class action, meaning that it is brought on behalf of:

all past, present, and future Indiana students aged 20 or less on March 2, 2006, either citizens or lawful aliens, who were, are, or will be eligible to apply to become a Twenty-first Century Scholar and/or receive a Twenty-first Century Scholar award and who were found ineligible or will be found ineligible, or who did not apply or will not apply, to become a Scholar and/or receive an award because their parents or legal guardians were not, are not, or will not be American citizens or lawful aliens.

While the SSACI has not conceded the merit of the plaintiffs' claims, as part of a settlement in the case it has changed its Affirmation Form to make it clear that a student is not prohibited from becoming a 21st Century Scholar or from receiving a scholarship because his or her parents are not citizens, or lawful aliens.

If you:

- were 20 years of age or younger on March 2, 2006
- are a 21st Century scholar
- did not affirm your pledge when you were a senior because your parents were not citizens or lawful aliens.

then you can now complete a [Special Affirmation Form](#) to receive the 21st Century Scholarship. **This form must be filled out by March 10, 2007.** If you meet the same eligibility requirements that must be met by other high school seniors and complete the [Special Affirmation Form](#) then you will receive a scholarship. Even if you have started your post-high school education, you can still affirm your pledge and if you meet the eligibility requirements you may be eligible to will receive a scholarship for the remainder of your time in college. However, you will not be reimbursed for money you have already spent for college.

You may get this Special Affirmation Form by:

1. Visiting SSACI's Web address especially established for this purpose at:
<http://www.in.gov/ssaci/programs/21st/SpecialAffirm12-06.pdf>
2. Emailing SSACI at: 21special@ssaci.in.gov
3. Writing SSACI at: SSACI, Special Affirmation Request, 150 W. Market Street, Suite 500, 46202. If you write you must include the student's full name, address and the following text: "Special Affirmation Form Request".
4. Calling SSACI at: 317-233-2100 or 1-888-528-4719

5. Contacting one of the 21st Century Scholars Support Sites at:
<http://www.in.gov/ssaci/programs/21st/pdf/sites.pdf>
6. Contacting your high school guidance counselor

If you have any questions about this you may contact either:

<p>The attorney for the Class:</p> <p>Kenneth J. Falk ACLU of Indiana 1031 E. Washington St. Indianapolis, IN 46202 317/635-4059 ext. 229 fax: 317/635-4105 e-mail: kfalk@aclu-in.org</p>	<p>21st Century Scholar's Director:</p> <p>Seana Murphy SSACI 150 W. Market Street, Suite 500 317-233-2100 e-mail: 21special@ssaci.in.gov</p>
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